

## Ryan Division Ramblings - April 2017

Brothers,

Happy Easter!

Last Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, was the AOH Wayne County Convention. Again the Ryan Division is well represented on the AOH Wayne County Board with the reelection of Mike Rouhan as Chairman of the Standing Committee, Mark Gunn as Sentinel, myself as Vice President, and special kudos to newly elected Marshal Edward Harkins.

In the next two months we have plenty of opportunities to participate in events. On May 13<sup>th</sup>, the AOH Ryan Division with family and friends, along with support from the LOAH Trinity Division, will participate in the Greater Plymouth Service Project from 10:30am till 1pm. We will be part of an effort that will package 250,000 meals for use locally and internationally to combat hunger. Because of the "An Gorta Mor" or "Great Hunger" in Ireland, this effort holds special significance for the Irish. Following the event, those who want to, will be going to lunch at the Box Bar on the Green in Plymouth. For more information, please let me know.

Many of us will attend the AOH & LAOH Michigan State Convention at the Embassy Suites in Livonia. Besides turning out to support our own State President Kevin Burke in his reelection, those of us without our Major Degrees have a golden opportunity to receive the Major Degrees and take the text of our Order in neighboring Livonia. This opportunity only comes to Michigan every two years and it won't be so close to home as this for many years. The \$30 cost will be reimbursed to our brothers after they have received their Major Degrees. If you already have your Major Degrees, you are encouraged to observe the Major Degree Ceremony. There is no cost to observe and you'll reinforce the lessons of our Order. You must have your current membership card to participate or observe.

We'll also march in the Plymouth Memorial Day Parade, bake Irish goods for sale at the Detroit Fest, run our first of only two Charity Poker events for this year, and run a beer tent recruiting event as part of the Motor City Irish Festival. All of this is before the end of June.

I wish everyone the blessed Easter.

Sláinte.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

Tim Higgins  
President  
Patrick Ryan Division  
AOH Michigan

## Welcome, new brothers!

**Sam Kennedy** and **Kevin Dunn** were initiated into the order at our March general meeting. Welcome Sam & Kevin to the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Patrick Ryan Division! Give Sam and Kevin a warm welcome when you see them. Sam is pictured below left, with Division President Tim Higgins. Kevin is pictured below right with President Tim Higgins.



### AOH Patrick Ryan Division social media sites:

Webpage: <http://www.aoh-patrickryandivision.org>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/AOH-Patrick-Ryan-Division-1097444203611253/>

The **AOH Michigan State Board** has a new webpage too. You can find it at:  
<http://www.michiganaoh.org>

## High Holy Days 2017!

The AOH Michigan Rifles were present at the "Sharin' of the Green" Mass at Most Holy Trinity Church in Corktown on St. Patrick's Day. The Rifles have the privilege of escorting the Archbishop in and out of Mass each year. Ryan Division's Past President **Mike Riley** and Membership Director **Bob Yancey** were again serving with the Rifles this year at Most Holy Trinity! Pictured below are our troopers posing with Archbishop Vigneron before processing into church. Left to Right - Brian Murphy, Mike Riley, Bob Yancey, Archbishop Vigneron, Cortland Book, Joe Bittner, Patrick Maguire and Tim Reade. Good work, men! Looking good too!



A fine group of Irishmen at this year's Detroit parade! Left to right: **Tim Higgins**, Paul Gowdy, **Kevin Burke**, **Tom Kish**, **Mark Gunn** and **Mike Spencer**. Not pictured, but there and taking this picture...**Rick St. Peter**.



## CALL TO CONVENTION...Michigan AOH/LAOH State Convention is May 19 & 20, 2017

Brother Division, County and State Officers,

Act NOW to register for the AOH & LAOH Michigan State Convention. The official deadline has passed, however, if you act now, you can still attend the convention and participate in our many events.

The official call to convention was printed and mailed to those officers according to the AOH Michigan By-Laws on March 22nd.

Attached is the 2017 Convention Brochure. It has all the information you need to register for the convention and with the hotel. (See pages 5 & 6 of this newsletter.)

The block of double beds has been sold out. Only king size are still available. Again, act now to get your room at the convention hotel.

ALSO, the Major Degrees will be offered at 1:30pm on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the Convention Hotel, the Embassy Suites in Livonia. **Those without the Major Degrees should take this, once every two year, opportunity to receive the Major Degrees without having to attend a National Convention.** You must have received your Major Degrees to serve as a Division President or Division Vice Present, and all officer positions at County and State level. The cost is \$30 and most divisions will reimburse this fee once a brother has received the Major Degrees. For those of us who have the Major Degrees, it's a great opportunity to observe the ceremony. If you have not observed before, it's a great way to reinforce the lessons of our great Order. Also, this is no cost to observe, but you must have your membership card with the Major Degree date printed on it.

I hope everyone has a Happy Easter and I hope to see you all at the convention this May in Livonia.

Sláinte.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity

Tim Higgins  
Recording Secretary  
AOH Michigan State Board



## AOH/LAOH Michigan State Convention May 19-20, 2017

**Registration Form for the  
AOH/LAOH 2017 State Convention  
May 19 & 20, 2017**

*Please indicate your selection*

**All Inclusive Convention Package**

**Full Registration \$110.00**  
*Does not include Major Degree Fee*

**Ala-Carte**

**Ice Breaker \$30.00**  
 **Lunch \$30.00**  
 **Banquet Dinner \$60.00**

**AOH only Major Degrees**

**AOH Major Degree \$30.00**

**Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*Please Print*

*Name*

*Address*

*City, State Zip*

*Phone number*

*Email*

*AOH/LAOH Division*

*AOH/LAOH Office*

*Please make checks payable to;*  
**AOH/LAOH Michigan Convention Fund**  
*Send checks and registration forms to; Maureen Kelly*  
16560 Levan, Livonia, MI 48154

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

For your reservations, please contact Embassy Suites at 888-347-2319 or 734-462-6000

Be sure to mention AOH/LAOH to get the room rate of \$119.00 per night for a King room or \$129.00 for a Double (limited availability). Every registered guest receives a complimentary cook to order breakfast. You must reserve on or before April 1, 2017 for the special rate.



Please join us Friday Night at the Ganders Lounge in Embassy Suites  
May 19, 2017  
*for the*

**Ice Breaker**

*Entertainment provided by the*

**McSpillin**

*Snacks and a cash bar will be available.*

A good time for all!

## MICHIGAN AOH/LAOH 2017 STATE CONVENTION



May 19 & 20, 2017

Embassy Suites  
19525 Victor Parkway  
Livonia, Michigan 48152  
toll free 888-347-2319  
or 734-462-6000

## AOH/LAOH Michigan State Convention May 19-20, 2017



### *AOH AGENDA*

#### Friday, May 19, 2017

4:00pm to 7:00pm            *Registration*  
8:00pm to 11:00pm        *Ice Breaker*

#### Saturday, May 20, 2017

7:00am - 9:00am            *Registration*  
9:00am - Noon            *Convention Meeting*  
Noon - 1:00pm              *Lunch*  
1:00pm - 4:00pm            *Convention Meeting*  
1:30pm - 3:30pm            *AOH Degrees*  
5:00pm - 6:30              *Mass & Installation*  
6:30pm - 7:30pm            *Social Hour*  
7:30 - ?                      *Banquet*



### *LAOH AGENDA*

#### Friday, May 19, 2017

1:00pm - 4:00pm            *By-Laws Meeting*  
4:00pm to 7:00pm            *Registration*  
8:00pm to 11:00pm        *Ice Breaker*

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7:00am - 9:00am            *Registration*  
9:00am - Noon              *Convention Meeting*  
Noon - 1:00pm              *Lunch*  
1:00pm - 4:00pm            *Convention Meeting*  
5:00pm - 6:30              *Mass & Installation*  
6:30pm - 7:30pm            *Social Hour*  
7:30 - ?                      *Banquet*

### MICHIGAN LAOH/AOH 2017 STATE CONVENTION *Information*

The Michigan State Convention Committee has endeavored to provide you with the best convention experience.

#### *All Inclusive Package*

The *FULL PACKAGE* cost is only \$110 which includes three meals & the ICE BREAKER.

#### *Ala-Carte Options*

*per person*

Ice Breaker Only \$30  
Lunch Only \$30  
Banquet Only \$60

*Please make checks payable to;*  
AOH/LAOH Michigan Convention Fund  
*Send checks and registration forms to;*  
Maureen Kelly  
16560 Levan, Livonia, MI 48154

You must register by April 1, 2017  
No Walk-In's will be accommodated

Date: May 19 & 20, 2017

At: Embassy Suites

For room reservations, please contact:  
Embassy Suites  
19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia, MI 48152  
toll free 888-347-2319 or 734-462-6000



### Spring season in Ireland!

Spring ("Earrach") - February, March, April (Feabhra, Márta, Aibreán)



Patrick Ryan Division green coats (\$330), blue jackets (\$75), sashes (\$60), and blue shirts (\$25/\$30) are available to all members.

Please contact Ed Harkins for your clothing items!

If you are receiving this newsletter by snail mail, it means I don't have an active email address for you. If you have one, please email and let me know at [edward.harkins@gmail.com](mailto:edward.harkins@gmail.com). Thanks!

Ed Harkins, Newsletter Editor

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Please pray for all division members or family sick or in distress.



**Don't forget our next meeting - Tuesday, Apr 11th**

Be there and help to welcome any new members initiated that night!

Pizza and 50/50 drawing after the meeting!

Must be present to eat and win!!!



Calendar of upcoming events:

**Apr 11, 2017**

**Ryan Division meeting, 7:30 pm, Renaud Council K of C**

**Apr 16, 2017**

**Easter Sunday!**

**May 9, 2017**

**Ryan Division meeting, 7:30 pm, Renaud Council K of C**

**May 13, 2017**

**Greater Plymouth Service Project**

**May 19-20, 2017**

**AOH/LAOH Michigan State Convention**

**May 29, 2017**

**Plymouth Memorial Day Parade**



Remember our motto:  
Friendship, Unity, and True Christian Charity!

Next Meeting - 7:30 pm Tues.  
April 11th, 2016  
Renaud Council K of C Hall  
Fair & Mill Streets  
Plymouth, MI

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